

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

LEANNA PRESTON GRIFFIN,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 6:21-03183-CV-RK
	)	
COMMISSIONER OF SSA;	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**ORDER**

Now pending before the Court is Plaintiff's application for attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (Doc. 19). Plaintiff requests an award of attorney's fees under the EAJA in the amount of \$5,057.60, representing 23.2 hours of attorney work at \$218.00 per hour and 16.9 hours of attorney work at \$218.00 per hour. (*See* Doc. 19-1 at 1.) Defendant does not object to Plaintiff's request. (*See* Doc. 20.)

Under the EAJA, a prevailing party in an action brought against the United States shall be awarded attorney's fees unless the position of the United States was "substantially justified" or special circumstances make an award unjust. § 2412(d)(1)(A). Plaintiff was a prevailing party in this action and an award is appropriate. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

- (1) Plaintiff is awarded attorney's fees in the amount of \$5,057.60, to be paid by the Social Security Administration.
- (2) The above award is subject to offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt Plaintiff may owe to the United States.
- (3) If the Government is satisfied there is no debt owed by Plaintiff, the fee or any remainder following offset may be made payable directly to Plaintiff's counsel, per the assignment attached to the motion (Doc. 19-3).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/ Roseann A. Ketchmark  
ROSEANN A. KETCHMARK, JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DATED: June 8, 2022